



DDI #3270-82  
20 April 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : National Intelligence Officer for Latin America

SUBJECT : NSC Meeting on Central America -- Results of Core Group Meeting of April 1982

1. The NSC regional management group for Central America met in the Situation Room yesterday evening under the chairmanship of Mr. Steven Bosworth (State).

2. Mr. Childress of the NSC informed us that the meeting originally scheduled for Friday, 23 April, was postponed but that the final "core group" paper was still due by cob, Thursday, 22 April, since the NSC meeting could be called at any time.

3. Our substantive discussion focused on a very rough draft done by State. My comments included a brief alternative suggested outline for the final paper which added several elements to those in the State paper.

4. The DDI assessment paper of 15 April 1982 was distributed to the group. In our discussion of the core group paper, it was agreed that the opening section should be a comprehensive but brief intelligence assessment. I suggest that you review this new summary intelligence assessment and that it contain four elements:

- a. regional nature of the problem in Central America, including Cuban/Nicaraguan actions;
- b. probable and possible Cuban/Nicaraguan/extreme left tactics in next months (April to December 1982);
- c. brief review of the situation in each country (synthesis of 15 April DDI assessment paper);
- d. actions of other interested participants -- Mexico; Socialist International; PL0; Venezuela and other regional states.

[ ] generally agrees with this outline and I shall do a brief draft along these lines for coordination with DDI and your final review. 25X1

5. Timing for this NSC core group draft will be tight: State will revise its paper by cob today, and we plan to work on the draft in the late

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afternoon. My sense is that CIA should have an agreed summary intelligence assessment (for use as the first section of the final paper) ready by the early afternoon of Wednesday, 21 April, and then send this to the NSC by Thursday morning 22 April 1982.

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cc: DDCI, ExDir, C/NIC, DDI, D/ALA

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